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FOR AMBASSADOR HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP AND THE PAKISTAN
REPROCESSING PLANT

REFS: (A) PARIS 20757; (B) STATE 165095 (C) PARIS 20891

1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY JACOMET'S PLANS TO INFORM THE GOP
OF THE FRENCH DECISION BEFORE THE UNDER SECRETARY'S TRIP.
(REF A) WE ALSO THINK THAT FRENCH COORDINATION WITH IRAN
MAY BE VERY HELPFUL IN MODERATING PAKISTANI REACTION.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT AN OVERLAP BETWEEN JACOMET AND
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NEWSOM IN ISLAMABAD COULD PUBLICLY SYMBOLIZE TO THE
PAKISTANIS WHAT THEY ALREADY VIEW AS UNWELCOME COLLABORATION
BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND AMERICANS CONTRARY TO PAKISTAN'S
SECURITY INTERESTS.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF OUR CONCERNS
IN THIS REGARD, DRAWING ON REF B AS APPROPRIATE AND THE

FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- WE APPRECIATE THE READOUT OF PONIATOWSKI'S VISIT TO TEHRAN AND WE BELIEVE CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE IRANIANS WILL BE HELPFUL IN MODERATING THE PAKISTAN REACTION. THE UNDER SECRETARY PLANS TO ENCOURAGE THE IRANIANS, AS WELL AS

THE SAUDIS, TO BE FORTHCOMING IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN.

-- WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOI WOULD BE PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN. THE SHAH IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE ZIA REGIME WILL HANDLE THE FATE OF BHUTTO, AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR PAK INTERNAL SECURITY IF BHUTTO IS EXECUTED. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAS TAKEN A RESERVED POSITION ON THE FLOW OF IRANIAN AID UNTIL THAT ISSUE IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

-- ONCE THE BHUTTO AND REPROCESSING ISSUES ARE SETTLED; WE BELIEVE IRAN WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN IN A BROAD MULTI-NATIONAL EFFORT TO ASSIST PAKISTAN.

-- WE WELCOME INFORMATION THAT JACOMET WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM THE GOP OF THE FRENCH DECISION AS EARLY AS JULY 9 AND WE APPRECIATE JACOMET'S OFFER TO MEET UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM IN ISLAMABAD. HOWEVER, WE
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BELIEVE THAT AN OVERLAP IN ISLAMABAD WOULD PUBLICLY SYMBOLIZE U.S./FRENCH COLLABORATION IN A WAY WHICH MIGHT ADD TO THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT THE GOP WILL FACE IN THE WAKE OF THIS DECISION. IT WOULD, OF COURSE, STILL BE USEFUL FOR NEWSOM TO BE INFORMED OF PAK REACTION, PERHAPS VIA THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD.

-- NEWSOM WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE JACOMET AND OTHERS IN THE GOF WITH A READOUT ON HIS TRIP WHEN HE ARRIVES IN PARIS.

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